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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOE AND CYPRUS SITUATION

REF: STATE 200476

1. DURING MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, I RECALLED HIS
EARLIER QUERY RE USG POSITION ON CYPRUS (CAIRO 6960)T
AND SAID AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD AHD RECENTLY DISCUSSED
SUBJECT WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR MAOUR IN NICOSIA
(NICOSII 3002). FAHMY HAD APPARENTLY RECEIVED A REPORT
ON THAT TALK. I THEN OUTLINED
FOR HIM IN SOME DETAIL
OUR VIEWS AS SET FORTH REFTEL.

2. HE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, BUT INTERJECTED THE
COMMENT THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID UNGA DEBATE
ON THE SUBJECT. HE STRONGLY ADVISED THAT USG NOT
ACTIVELY OPPOSE INSCRIPTION. DOING SO WILL HURT USG
AND MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR OTHERS WHO ARE WAITING

QUIETLY TO ASSIST. USG, HE INSISTED, SHOULD KEEP
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OUT OF PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF INSCRIPTION. IT

SHOULD LIMIT ITSELF TO STATEMENT THAT USG DOES NOT OPPOSE INSCRIPTION AND WILL EXPRESS ITS SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT AT LATER DATE. HE AGREED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL WOULD CREATE AN UNPRODUCTIVE FORUM FOR SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. RE OUR SUGGESTION THAT INDIVIDUAL STATES, INCLUDING EGYPT, MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO THE PARTIES ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, FAHMY SAID GOE HAS ALREADY BEEN DOING SO. FORMER TURKISH FONMIN BAYULKIN WAS HERE LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS PROBLEM. FAHMY HAD URGED THAT TURKEY TO FLEXIBLE AND WITHDRAW FROM ITS PRESENT LINES. BAYULKIN, UNFORTUNATELY, HAD BEEN RIGID. FAHMY OPINED THAT CURRENT TURK INFLEXIBILITY RESULTS FROM THEIR

INTERPRETATION OF OPPOSED US AND SOVIET POSITIONS AND REPRESENTS AN ATTEMPT TO PROFIT FROM STRONG US VIEWS. BAYULKIN HAD SPOKEN ABOUT CYPRUS AS A "NATIONAL UNITY PROBLEM." SUBJECT HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH GREEKS. HOWEVER, MAKARIOUS IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT CAIRO ON FRIDAY AND WILL DOUBTLESS PUSH HIS VIEW.

4. FAHMY AGREED WITH OUR EVALUATION THAT EVENTUAL OUTCOME WILL PROBABLY BE SOME KIND OF FEDERAL SYSTEM IN WHICH GREEKS AND TURKS EACH HAVE AN AUTONOMOUS GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE ISLAND UNDER A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN CYPRUS. HE AGAIN NOTED THAT IT IS STILL WIDELY THOUGHT THAT USG--AND SPECIFICALLY CIA--WAS INVOLVED IN MAKARIOUS' OVER-THROW. I AGAIN DENIED THIS. FAHMY SAID HE BELIEVES US, BUT MANY OTHERS DO NOT. US ACTION RE CYPRUS ITEM WILL BE READ BY MANY IN TERMS OF THIS UNALLAYED SUSPICION.
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